THE SENATE THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2019

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chair

MEASURES DEFERRED TO MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019

DATE: Monday, February 11, 2019

TIME: 2:45 PM

PLACE: Conference Room 016

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

DECISION MAKING ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE(S):

<u>SB449</u>

RELATING TO CHILDREN.

HMS, JDC/WAM

Status and Testimony

Establishes in the department of the attorney general a child abuse investigation unit. Allows the department of the attorney general to intervene in adjudications in family court. Enacts the Uniform Child Witness Testimony by Alternative Methods Act, which authorizes courts to allow for children to testify in a place other than an open forum or away from the finder of fact, court, or parties. Requires the court and the prosecution to take appropriate action to ensure a prompt trial in order to minimize the length of time a child abuse victim or minor witness must endure the stress of the child's involvement in the proceedings.

No testimony will be accepted.

FOR AMENDED NOTICES: Measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are underscored. If a measure is both underscored and stricken through, that measure has been deleted from the agenda.

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